Title: Request to carry out the construction work of the two road overbridges immediately and sanction sufficient funds for the development of National Highways at Taliparamba, Payyanur and Nileshwar Area.

SHRI T. GOVINDAN (KASARGOD): Sir, I would like to bring the attention of the Government towards the pathetic condition of National Highway-17 in the north Malabar area, especially in Kannur and Kasaragod districts of Kerala situated very close to Karnataka.

The development of National Highways in Karnataka is being done very promptly. The overall progress of industrial and agricultural development in the north Malabar region is affected by the pathetic condition of National Highway. The developmental activities declared by the Government years back has not yet started at Taliparamba Payyanur, Nileshwar areas. Also the primary work of the already approved main ROBs on National Highway at Pallikkara and Padannakkad in Kasaragod district has not yet started. As a result, road traffic is badly affected at these level crossings for hours together. After Konkan railway started and railway running more trains, the two railway crossings are almost closed all the time.

In the circumstances, I would request the hon. Minister of Road Transport and Highways to carry out the construction work of the two ROBs immediately and sanction sufficient funds for the development of National Highway at Taliparamba, Payyanur and Nileshwar area.